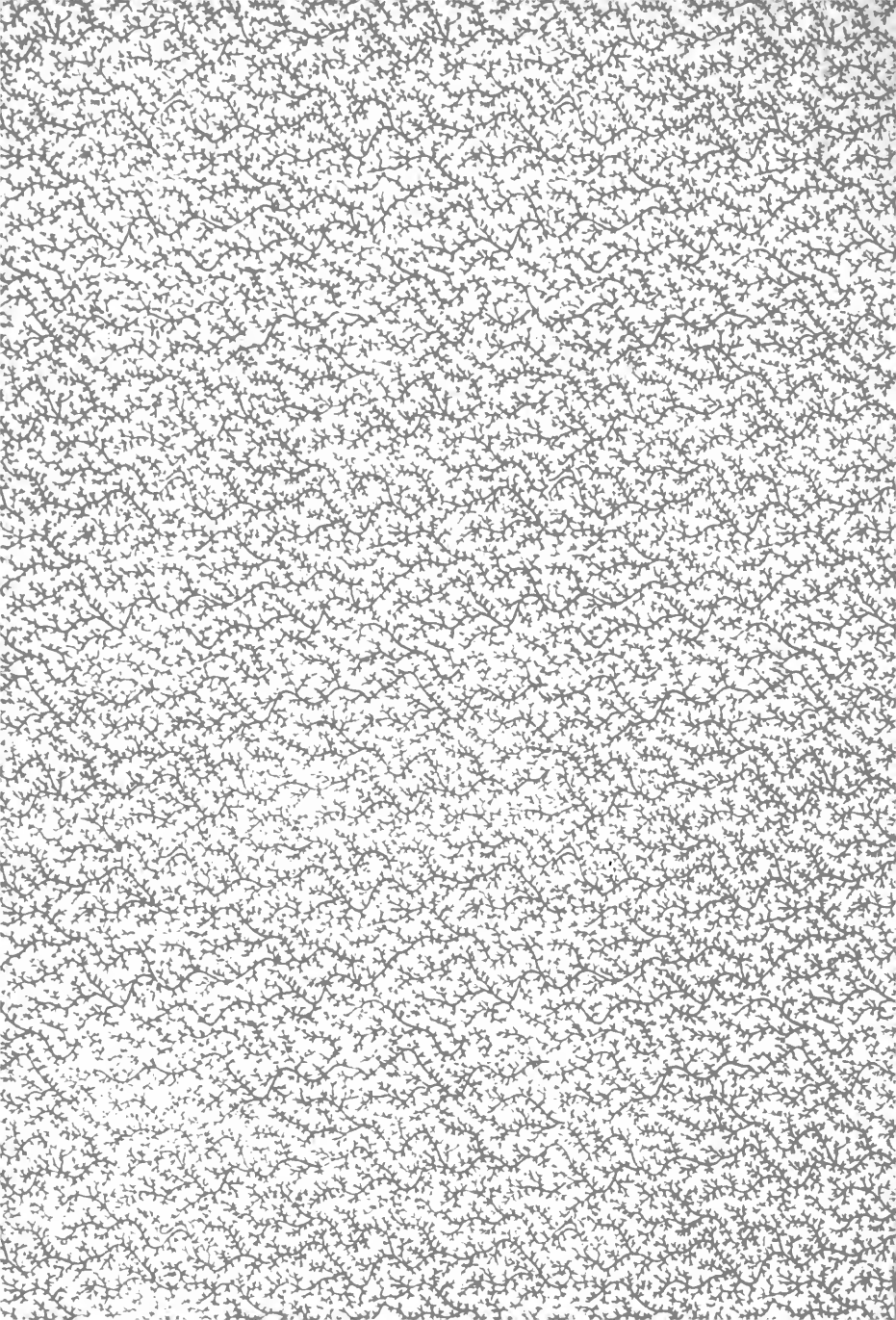


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THE HARLEY ARMS

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## ARMS.

Harley—Or a bend cotised sa.

Crest—A castle triple towered ar.

Out of the middle tower a demi-lion.

Issuant Gu—Motto, Virtute et fide.

Herle—Gu a fess or bet three shovellers ppr.

Another—Gu three escallops and a border ar.

Robecheon—Jersey—D'arg, a une biche de sa pass sur un tertre de sin.

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Robichen Ille de France—D'Azur au chev. d'arg accole d'un serpent mordant sa queue, du meme, et ace. en chef de deux etoiles d'or et en p d'une Colombe Du sec.

Robichon de Trovolland Bretagne—D'arg a une croiss desa, acc de trois rencontres de cerf de gu.

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I asked my father one day who his grandfather was and he could not tell me—I never heard my father say who his father was, said he—all I know is his mother's name was Rebecca, my father's father must have died when his children were quite small, because my father was apprenticed to a weaver in New Castle, Delaware, when he was about eight years of age and ran away and went to sea. He followed the sea for fifty years—was in the war of 1812 on the Macedonia, under Jacob Jones. This started me on my inquiry. I commenced writing letters to every Whitcraft in and about Delaware—and one day in early summer on a Sunday morning, a knock came to the door and a person inquired—Does John Whitcraft live here? I replied that was my name. I am your cousin Harry, said he. My father received a letter from you. He soon proved to my satisfaction that his father's father and my grandfather were brothers. I said—We will go to Philadelphia and see my father and aunt. My aunt was living in Kensington and, upon going there, in the

course of the conversation, she said—John, I have found out for you where Phoebe Loper lives. This Phoebe Loper was an old lady I had been looking for for years as a distant relation of my father who might tell me something about the family history—she lives, said she, on Fawn street, near Fifteenth. So, we took a car and went down town to hunt up Phoebe Loper. After repeated inquiries along Fawn street, we at last found a party who told us this old lady did live there, but had moved to Fifteenth, and was living with a cousin, Mrs. Abbot.

We found Mrs. Abbot, who said that Phoebe had moved to Hancock street. So, we proceeded to that location and, after much difficulty, located the said Phoebe Loper. My cousin said on the way—John, do you believe in fortune-tellers. Why? said I. Well, he said, before I found you I went to one and she told me I would meet a tall man who would lead me on a long chase after an old woman who could tell us about a fortune. Almost the first thing Phoebe said to me was—John, did you see that advertisement in the paper, inquiring for the heirs of Phoebe Rabjohn, to a fortune of some \$16,000,000. I said, who was Phoebe Rabjohn; why, she was my grandmother, said she. I asked her how she came to see the advertisement; why, said she, Mrs. Kohler and I had been out to the park, about last November, and on her return she picked up the Item and read it to me, and Mrs. Abbot also read it. Why did you not cut it out, said I. Oh! said she, I told her I was old and the lawyers would get it all; so, I did not bother with it. Where was it located, said I. I think it was in Holland, said she, some place that ends with a dam. Amsterdam? said I. No, said she. Rotterdam? Yes, that's it, she said. So, I hunted up Mrs. Abbot, and she said, yes, I remember reading it to Phoebe. What paper was it in? said I. I think it was the Ledger, said she, although it might have been the Record, because we often borrowed that paper from next door.

Every effort was made to find that advertisement, but without avail; repeated advertisements were put in the papers, but all to no

purpose, at least twenty persons swore they had read it.

One woman said, Yes, I remember it, because I had an uncle, Robert John Felon, and I think the lawyer was Oscar Beasley, because I remember one time my husband called on him and, in leaving, took his hat in mistake and this incident came in my mind when I read it.

I at once looked for Oscar Beasley and he said the name was familiar, that it related to wharf property in Liverpool. At another time he said that he thought his partner, Jeitles, had the case, but he was dead, that it was coal lands in Pennsylvania. His papers were so mixed up on account of moving, that he would look further into the matter and let me know; finally he said he must have been mistaken.

Another party swore that he read it in the Sunday Item, that the lawyer's name commenced with a B.

Another man said he read it to his wife, and that name struck him as odd.

Another man said he saw it in the Item, that he remembered it because he used to go see a girl named Phoebe.

Another man said he saw it in the Sunday Press; so it went on, all saw it, yet none could find it.

One man said, I remember it distinctly, because I remarked I would not do a thing if that was mine.

Who was Phoebe Rabjohn and who would be likely to advertise for her, I found she was my great grandmother, my father's mother's mother; so, the thing to do was to find out who were her heirs, and I commenced to look them up. After much search I found out that there were only about twenty living all told.

A trip to England and a visit to the court of Chancery revealed the fact that a Caroline Rabjohn left with the Bank of England certain papers for registration, her husband, William Rabjohn, husbandman of Egg Buckland, died, leaving an estate of some £300. This, then, was not what we were after. I found in Philadelphia

a will of John Rabjohn, my great grandfather, naming his ten children; he was a tailor, lived at 229 St. John street.

So, this is how I came to write the history of the Heilighs, or, as they later called themselves, the Harleys, in the hope that someone may have seen the advertisement and could locate it for me.

Phobe Loper died soon after I met her. Mrs. Kohler I saw and she positively declared that she saw the advertisement in the Item. The clerk in the Item office said he remembered putting it in the paper, but the most diligent search failed to find it.

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Heindrick Heiligh, Sr., came to this country in 1745 from Amsterdam, Holland, on the ship Peggy, Capt. Abercrombie, master.

He is said to have descended from William, Prince of Orange. With him came his two brothers, John and George, the latter's wife's name was Anna Barbara.

Hendrick Heilig or Heiligh's wife's name was Susanna; he died in 1775, leaving four children:

John

George

Anna Maria and

Susanna

John died April 7th, 1841.

John married, June 28th, 1769, Elizabeth Taney and had:

John and

Jacob

Anna Maria married Michael Slonacre.

Susanna married October 24th, 1769, Henry Taney.

Henry, son of Henry and Susanna Heiligh, married Margaret, issue two children, one named Barbara.

Henry, Jr., died in 1766.

Margaret afterward married a man named Knappenberger.

George Heiligh, son of Henry and Susanna, married, 1st, Sophia Omenzetter, July 14th, 1763, who died February 9th, 1768,



aged 22 years, less 9 days; daughter of John Omenzetter and Sophia born February 17th, 1746, at Gosheim, in Dutchy Wurtemberg, came to this country in 1753 at the age of 7 years. Lived 4 years in wedlock to George Heiligh, begot 2 children, was sick 8 months. Her children:

Phillipine Susanna, born September 6, 1764, and

George, born January, 1767.

George Heiligh married, 2nd, Margaret Webber, widow, maiden name Anna Margaret Voss. Children:

Jacob, bap. 1771.

Christopher, who died in the Mexican War.

Elizabeth, who married Frances Cooper, maker of the first pipe organ in Philadelphia, afterward a tobacco merchant.

Mary, who married Henry Weaver.

Catharine, who married:

1st, Faunce

2nd, Walters

3rd, Witherstein

Phillipine Susanna, daughter of George Heiligh and Sophia Omenstetter, changed her name to Phoebe, married John Rabjohn, April 18, 1786, in St. Michael's Lutheran Church, corner Fifth street and Appletree alley. Witnesses, John Rabjohn, Sr., and George Heiligh.

John Rabjohn was a tailor by trade, lived at 229 St. John street, between Coates and Brown, died June 15th, 1823. His will is recorded in Book 8, page 45, No. 100, Philadelphia. His father, John Rabjohn, Sr., married Isabella Stuttzen, in 1760, in St. Michael's Church. Witnesses, Edward Pennly, Hugh Low, Isaac Warner and Maria Barbara Stuttzen. He was supposed to be the same Henry Roberjot, Head Bookkeeper and confidential man to Stephen Girard. His children were:

Maria Regina, bap. in 1761.

Zelia, who married Andrew Crostby, a sea captain.

John and Adam.

He married, 2nd, Hannah Wicks, widow, April 2, 1791.

Adam Rabjohn married Mary Weinemeyer January 19th, 1794.

Phillipine Susanna Rabjohn died April 29th, 1826, and was buried, with her husband, in the Baptist Churchyard, in New Market street, Philadelphia. They were afterward removed to Ivy Hill Cemetery, Germantown, where they now rest. They had 10 children:

Sarah

Mary

Frances

Phoebe

Eliza

William

James

George

John and

Jacob

The name Rabjohn, Robjohn, Robichon and Roberjot are practically one and the same, meaning originally the Robber John; it is of French origin, they came by the way of the English Channel Islands to the south of England and to this country. In London they go by the name Rabjohns to this day.

William, son of John Rabjohn and Phoebe, left a son, Thomas, who married, but left no children, died at Seaman's Retreat, Staten Island, in 1870.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

James, born on December 1, 1798; died April 15, 1829, unmarried.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

John, born August 16, 1806; died July 13, 1835; married Hannah Monroe; one child, died young.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

Jacob, born March 11, 1809; went by the name of Yockey Rapp; died a bachelor; chairmaker by trade; went to California in '49; returned to Reading, Pa., where he died, supposedly rich.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

George, born April 23, 1801; died May 28, 1828; oak cooper by trade. His wife's name was Elizabeth; they had two children, both girls, Mary and Sarah.

Mary died unmarried; the other, Sarah, married a cab driver, no children.

George's widow afterward married a man named William Davenport.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

Sarah, married Jacob Riffert about 1803; she was born January 2, 1787; baptized January 7, 1787; died February 8, 1882. Their first child, Mary, was born September 27, 1803; died March 5, 1895. Their second child, Isabella, born December 12, 1812.

Mary, first child of Sarah, married Mark Elliot; see family for record.

Sarah married, 2nd, McClain; had Frances, born December 25, 1822; died January 21, 1876.

Frances McClain married Richard McClain March 8, 1843; children:

Henry, born November 4, 1844; died September 3, 1879; married, 1st, Mary Smith; 2nd, Sarah Mackalvia, leaving two children:

John McClain, born April 1, 1871, went to the Phillipines, U. S. A., and

Sarah, born December 31, 1874; unmarried.

The other children of Frances McClain were:

Sarah Frances, born January 8, 1848; died January 9, 1853.

Charles McClain, born July 6, 1851; married Catharien Tayman, widow, maiden name Dougherty, and had:

Mary, born January 26, 1884.

Katie, d. y.

John Napoleon, born August 15, 1854; died December 22, 1855.

Joseph Francis, born March 17, 1857; died January 11, 1864.

William James, born June 9, 1859; died December 13, 1863.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

Mary, born 1794; died November 15.

Married three times:

1st, Tom Smiles

2nd, Tom Hill

3rd, Tom Dawson.

No children.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

Veronica Blair, changed her name to Frances, was born March 4, 1796; bap. April 19, 1796; died July 27, 1874. Married Abner Witcraft June 13, 1818. She was called the Belle of Northern Liberties.

William Witcraft, son of Abner and Frances, born March 4, 1819; died March 13, 1882; married Ann Watson, and they had two children:

George, who died at the age of 14, and

Sarah Jane, who married:

1st, John Guise, by whom she had all her children

2nd, \_\_\_\_\_

3rd, Ricker.

Her children were:

George

Samuel

John

Joanna

Frances

Mary

Abner and Frances had:

Mary, born February 4, 1821; died February 21, 1821.

Abner and Frances had:

John R., born April 9, 1822; died October 31, 1898. He married:

1st, Martha Black, and had:

Thomas, d. y.

Mary Emma, who married Joseph Schofield, and had:

Bertha

Clair

George

Hilda and

Grace

John R. married:

2nd, Mary Elizabeth Todd, and had:

John R., born January 20, 1858.

Joanna T., 1860.

John R. married Mary B. Clopper January 5, 1882, and had:

Amy D., May 4, 1883.

Alice May, March 11, 1885, d. y.

Eugene Howard, September 11, 1886.

Frances Clopper, September 3, 1888, married A. R. Schmidt, and had:

Frances Witcraft

Jane Clopper

Rena Dorothy, October 2, 1892.

Joanna T. married George T. Seckle and had:

George T. married Ethel Spooner, and had:

Catherine

Mary Virginia

Helen

Wetherill

Abner and Frances had:

Abner, born March 21, 1824; died May 18, 1878. Married Ann

Haines and had:

John and

Thomas

Abner and Frances had:

Rebecca, born March 28, 1826; died November 28, 1826.

Abner and Frances had:

Sarah Jane, born June 10, 1828; died February 8, 1842.

Abner and Frances had:

George, born October 12, 1832; died November 22, 1832.

Abner and Frances had:

Eliza, born May 25, 1834; died May 30, 1896; leaving one daughter, Louisa Wright, born May 30, 1855; married Gillis Cunningham.

Abner and Frances had:

Arabella, born July 24, 1837; married George Clements, and had:

Frances

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had a daughter, Phoebe, born February 21, 1804; died about 1828. Married John Hartley, born July 23, 1802; died April 22, 1856, leaving the following children:

Mary S., born February 17, 1824; died November 2, 1846; no children. Married.

John, born June 14, 1827; went to the Civil War.

Phoebe, born December, 1828; died September 9, 1897; married a man named Loper; no children.

John Rabjohn and Phoebe had:

Elizabeth, born November 20, 1811; died November 13, 1855; married a man named Elliot; no children.

Married, 2nd, John Fritz, July 27, 1829, and had:

Cordelia, born October 15, 1853; died at the age of 14.

John, born September 15, 1835, d. y.

Elizabeth, born November 8, 1830; married Samuel Leatherbury.

Emmaline, born March 9, 1833; married a man named Coates.

Frances, born April 26, 1849; married a man named Dickinson,  
one son.

William, born February 14, 1843.

Charles, born January 17, 1846.

Henry, twin to Frances, d. y.

Joseph, d. y.

Catherine, born November 18, 1837; died at the age of 26; un-  
married.

Sarah, born September 18, 1840, d. y.

William Elliot married Mary E. Riffert, widow of Mark Elliot.  
had:

Fanny Pedrick

John Elliot

Elizabeth Cavis

Matilda and

Sarah

John Elliot married Emma Matilda Hartley, had:

Harriet

Abie Duling

William Tucker Elliot

Mary H. E. Jones

Francis Cooper and Elizabeth had issue:

Francis Cooper, Jr.

Elizabeth

Susan

Maria

George and

Peter

Francis Cooper, Jr., married Frances Bowman, October 15,  
1810; had:

Charles B. Cooper, born August 21, 1811.

Elizabeth, born, November 17, 1813.

Francis Cooper, born December 19, 1813.

Susan, born December 24th, 1819.

Anna Maria, born June 27, 1822.

George, born September 12, 1824.

Catherine, born July 25, 1827; d. y.

Maria Louisa, born April 25, 1829.

Matilda and Harriet, twins, born March 2, 1830; d. y.

Thomas Sterritt, born January 3, 1832.

Catherine Heiligh, daughter of George and Margaret, married  
Faunce, and

2nd, Walters; issue, one daughter, married Richard Feters.

Jacob, son of Margaret, lived at Magnolia, N. J., on the White  
Horse Pike, took the name of Harley, married:

1st, Priscilla Jones, February 10, 1791.

2nd, Sarah Monroe (widow); children:

Elizabeth, born August 25, 1791.

Mary, born September 25, 1793.

George, born October 28, 1795.

Margaret, born October 21, 1801.

George, born October 28, 1795, married Ann Giberson and had:

Jacob, born November 15, 1819.

Priscilla, born August 17, 1822.

Hannah, born November 25, 1824.

John, born August 14, 1827.

Elizabeth, born February 14, 1831.

George, born October 18, 1833.

Josiah, born July 7, 1836.

Mary Ann, born April 2, 1839.

Susanna, born November 11, 1841.

Hester, born January 26, 1847.

Jacob married Mary Ford.

John married Rebecca Shreevis.

Josiah married Susan Mapes.

George married Ellen McEntyre.

Priscilla married James Cooper.



Hannah married Charles Shreevis.  
Margaret married Job Pidgeon.  
Elizabeth married Urin Larsen.  
Susanna married Oliver Larsen.  
Hester married William Watson.

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Jacob and Mary Ford had:

Ann

Jacob

George

John and

Mary

John married Margaret Mennel and had:

Sarah

Robert

Herbert

Alberta

May

John married Rebecca Shreeve and had:

Edward

George and

Anna

Edward married ——— Severus.

George married Sarah Rogers and had:

Halvor

Henry

Wallace

Rebecca and

Sarah

Anna married Amos Leck and had:

Bessie

Josiah and Susan Mapes had:

Jacob

Phoebe  
Calvin  
George  
Hettie  
Lott  
Josiah and  
John  
Phoebe married Malvin Albertson.  
George and Ellen McEntyre had:  
George  
Dela and  
Bernard  
Dela married George Lambert and had:  
Mira  
Bell and  
George  
Priscilla and John Cooper had:  
Anna, married Thomas Walker.  
Alice, married Samuel Watson.  
John, single.  
Hannah, married Albert Vanderslice.  
William, married Catherine ———.  
Emma, married John Bettie.  
Anna and Thomas Walker had:  
Isaac and  
Ellis.  
Alice and Samuel Watson had:  
Carrie  
Harry  
Spencer and  
Laura  
Emma and John Bettie had:  
Clarence

Hannah and Charles Shreeves had:

George Henry.

Jennie, married John E. Dougherty.

Rebecca, married Marmaduke Bakely.

Mary Anna and Job Pidgeon had:

Emma, married John Kercher.

Lydia, married Jacob Hansel.

William, single.

Elizabeth and Urin Larsen had:

Rena, married Edward Come, had:

Priscilla

Ida

Halvor

Priscilla Bertha, died May 27, 1895, born December 22, 1858,  
married Daniel Horner, February 10, 1882, and had:

Breta L., born February 11, 1885.

Hannah Frances, born March 19, 1887.

Larsen, born August 17, 1889.

Dan'l Horner, died July 18, 1911.

Ida, born January 8, 1861, married Daniel Horner February 15,  
1897, and had:

Alice F., born December 22, 1898, died same day.

Helen Elizabeth, born June 22, 1900.

Hettie, married William Watson, had:

William

Susan and Oliver Larsen had:

Edward and

Frank, U. S. N.

Was in Battleship Maine—still living.

Mary, daughter of Jacob and Priscilla Jones, married Jesse  
Price; children:

Hester

Jessie

Jacob

Harley

Frank, all went to Indiana.

Margaret, daughter of Jacob and Priscilla Jones, married Job

Price; children:

Mary

Elizabeth

Priscilla

Margaret

Rebecca

Samuel

Job

George

George, son of Margaret and Job Price, married Elizabeth

Parker.

Samuel married Rebecca A. Lippincott.

Mary married ——— Walker; had:

Elizabeth

Maggie married ——— Dietz, had:

Mary

Elizabeth married ——— Vorhees; had:

Mary Jane and

Catharine

Priscilla married John Johnson, had:

John

Job married ——— Severn, had:

Kate, married John Matlack.

Mary, married Morris Gorman.

Margaret, married Samuel Monroe.

Rebecca, married ——— Peters.

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George Heiligh, son of George and Sophia Omenzetter, married Anna Maria Walthers, February 20, 1780.

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*Phoebe Reabjohn, Au Hibel*

Book 14—559—Will of John Heiligh, Germantown, wife Barbara, grandchildren named:

John

George

Maria Anna and

Henry Daniel

Phoebe Rabjohn was a great beauty in her day and a beautiful singer. It is related that in one of Washington's visits to Philadelphia she happened to be at the same hotel on Sixth street, where he stopped, and was prevailed upon to sing for him. She did so and he was so charmed and delighted that he gave her his picture of himself that is highly prized to this day.

George Adam (father George Thomas) Heiligh and Anna Margaret Lensin were married March 26, 1797, issue:

George Adam, born November 10, 1806; died September, 1813.

Daniel, born February 22, 1801; married Julia R.

George, born April 14, 1799, married Susan Hook.

Jacob, born October 19, 1802; married Mary Hong.

John, born June 18, 1804; married Anna Murphy.

Anna Maria, born November 8, 1808; married Robert Bisping.

Carl, born June 14, 1811; married Emma Dare.

Margareth Wilhelmina, born November 12, 1815; married Solomon Unroh.

Susanna Amanda, born August 5, 1818; married Daniel Yeakle.

Emmelina Levina, born June 19, 1824; married William Thiele.

James Luther, born May 7, 1827; married Wilhelmina Stallman.

Wilhelm, born June 7, 1813; married Mary Coral.

Jacob, son of George Adam and Margareth, married Mary W. Hong, April 30, 1833, and had:

Albert Elijah, born January 31, 1834.

Jeremiah Jacob, born November 22, 1835.

Mary Elizabeth, born November 19, 1837.

Reverend George Heilig, son of George Adam and Margareth,  
married Susan Hook, September 22, 1828, issue:

Theopholis, born July 30, 1837.

Edwin Miller, born December 17, 1839.

Theodore Keller, born December 10, 1829; died June 6, 1837.

Emma Caroline, born February 17, 1833.

August Muhlenberg, born January 2, 1835.

Michael Slonacre and Maria Heilig had issue:

Michael and

John, etc.

Michael married Susan Nyce, and had:

Mary

Harriet

Samuel

Daniel

Samuel married Edith Rapp and had:

Marshall

Daniel married ——— Salome and had:

Frederick

Maria

Josiah

Maggie

Katie

Sarah

Maria married Fellman.

Maggie married Clay.

Katie married Steinwick.

Sarah married Fellman.

Milton, father Frederick, mother Elizabeth, married and had:

Sarah Geist

Hannah

John

Daniel



Frederick

George

Samuel

Margaret, sisters Sarah, Maria, Catharine, brothers Frederick and Josiah, father Daniel, married Sarah Fogel; Uncle Jacob; Aunt Kate Batman, etc.

Grandfather Daniel, and Mary.

Greatfather Michael, and Susanna.

Ella Amanda Farley.

Brothers Henry C. Lott and Cleventime V. Lott.

Samuel B. Lott.

James R. Lott.

William L. Lott.

Anna E. Taylor, father John T. Lott, mother Elmora, Uncles Clementine Southard, Alban Clay, Harry Clay and Lavina Bisping.

Grandparents James R. Clay, Margaret S.

Great-grandparents Daniel and Sarah Slonacre.

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Jeremiah J. Heilig, father Jacob Heilig, mother Mary W., Uncles Luther and Lavina.

Grandfather George Adam, and Margaret.

Sterling Heilig, father Daniel, mother Emily, brother George H., Uncles Rev. Theopholis Heilig, Augustus H., Emma C. William, Edwin M.

Grandfather Rev. George Heilig, grandmother Susanna Hook.

Davis Slonaker, father Michael, mother Hannah.

Grandfather Michael, Uncles Jacob, John, William and Samuel; Elizabeth Marshall, Susan Linderman, Margaret Root.

George Heilig, father Edward Heilig, mother Maltida W., brother James E.; Kate M. De Witt, Mary A. Fisher had:

Laura V.

Laura V. Millhouse had:

Irwin W. Heilig

Agnes R. Brendlinger

Uncles William G. Heilig married Anna

John G. Heilig married Sarah

Aunt Matilda Byer.

John A., brother to George Adam, married Barbara; children:

Daniel Heilig, who married Julia Rittenhouse, who afterward married Daniel Buddy.

George Heilig died in 1766; wife, Anna Barbara, died 1776; children:

Leonard

Adam

John

A daughter married Bernard Bisping.

William and Mary Coral had issue:

Mary

Wilhelmina

Katie

Charles

John

William

Ada

Daniel and Julia Rittenhouse had children:

John George, born August 22, 1814.

Henry, born 1824.

Anna Maria, born 1817.

Andrew Jackson, born 1827.

John George married Ann Murphy, children:

Carline, d. y.

Anna and

Julia

Michael Slonacre died April 12, 1839; born 1760.

Susanna Heilg, his wife, born March 9, 1762; married April 3, 1781, had 6 sons and 5 daughters, died January, 1818.

Hannah, the 2nd wife, died July 10, 1823.

Henry Slonacre died April 9, 1826.

Samuel Slonacre died April 2, 1839.

Michael, Jr., died October 3, 1841.

Jacob died July 12, 1849.

John died July 21, 1849.

Michael died July 29, 1849.

John died August 23, 1849.

Fransina died September 14th, 1851.

Samuel died June 6th, 1862.

Isaac died September 3, 1863.

Lewis died July 29, 1876.

Elizabeth Slonacre died July 12, 1889.

Elmera Slonacre died September 12, 1851.

Mary Slonacre died July 18, 1847.

Michael Slonacre died November 15, 1846.

William Slonacre died October 20, 1866.

Robert M. Slonacre, father Jared Nyce Slonacre, born July 11, 1800; died 1878; mother Elizabeth Eaton. Grandfather John Slonacre. Great-grandfather Jacob Slonacre. Great-grandmother Margaret Nyce. Uncles, and Aunts Elizabeth Bastress and Mary Horeater.

Cardin, or Catherine, Keyser Jonas—Mark, John Slonacre, brothers, and sisters Isabell Rogers-Garnett; John Slonacre, son of John G., Margaret Gregg.

John Heilig, Sr., parents George and Barbara, born March 4, 1765.

John Heilig, 1736 Beechwood street, Philadelphia, father John, mother Mary Yoos, lived in Neider brom Alsace.

John Nyce Slonacre, father Mark, mother Mary Elizabeth, grandfather John, grandmother Margaret.

John Heilig, wife Wernia, died 1746, left 5 daughters.

John Henry Roberjot died September, 1828, and was buried in Trinity Churchyard, Sixth and Spruce streets.

The American Sentinel gave his age as 66, but I think he was older. He was buried from the residence of Mrs. Greland, 120 South Third street. He left one daughter, Zelia Miriam, who married Andrew D. Crosby.

Andrew Doz Crosby was the son of Elizabeth Magaw, who married a man named Crosby, afterward a man named Thomas Cumpson; her mother's name was Martha Doz, who married Rev. Samuel Magaw; her father's name was Samuel Doz.

Mrs. Robert John Foulon, living in Union street, West Philadelphia, near Thirty-ninth street, claims her husband was named after Roberjot and that his right name was John H. Robjohn; she has often heard the name of Maria Regina spoken of.

This Maria Regina was a sister of Zelia M. Crosby, and John Rabjohn, son of John H. Rabjohn, Sr. It is supposed that Girard called him Roberjot, after the noted Frenchman of that name, who died in 1790, and Rabjohn assumed the name. It is very likely that this is true, as John Henry is purely English and not French.

Mr. Roberjot was one of the refugee merchants from Santo Domingo, who saved valuable papers for Stephen Girard.

Speaking of Girard's profanity when excited to anger, Simpson, in his book on Life of Stephen Girard, says:

Mr. Roberjot was in a peculiar manner the butt of this kind of invective, and generally bore the torments lavished upon him with a philosophical patience, which full entitled him to Saintship, for he frequently had occasion for all the equanimity of Job himself, for all crosses, disappointments, blunders, mistakes and the endless little miseries of country house life were to be fathered as a matter of course by Mr. Roberjot, the friend and factotum of Girard, alternately the substance and shadow of his employer and proverbial for his industry, his attention, and his fidelity to the complicated concerns of the great merchant.





FRANCES WITCRAFT

Mr. Robertson was both by affection and education a true representative of his nation in general intelligence.

"Whatever was wanted for the service of the nation, he was dispatched on a mission and he was always successful. In council, at one time was a member of the Council of the United States, and at another he was employed by the Government of the United States to be engaged in.

"No idea of dignity could be preserved in an atmosphere of universal utility and constant labor."

149—Year 1875 (Probably 78 years old)

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Hethcote of Chatham Township in the county of Phila. in the State of Penna. Yeoman, being aged and infirm in body, yet of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, blessed be God, therefore

Do think proper to settle and dispose my outward affairs by these presents in way of my last will and testament in manner following, to wit.

1st. I order that all and singular of my just debts, funeral and other expenses, concerning me or my state be well and truly paid and discharged.

2nd. I empower and authorize my Executor hereinafter named or survivor of them to sell and dispose of, by Public sale or Vendue to the highest bidder, all and singular, my real-estates, tenements, lands, and hereditaments whatsoever and whomever be possessed of at the time of my decease in my name and intend to make execute and keep in full force and power, and to do all such deeds as may be necessary for the same or may be required to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and to receive and keep all moneys and the money arising from the sale of the same and all other my estate whatsoever, both real and personal, and to distribute the same in manner following.

I give and bequeath unto my dear friend and neighbor, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to be paid to the money of Pennsylvania





Mr. Roberjot was both by nature and education a true representative of his nation in genuine politeness.

"Whatever was wanted Mr. Roberot was called, he was dispatched on a frivolous errand, or summoned in solemn council, at one time man important embassy entrusted with millions, and at another he was employed to do what a boy would have smiled to be engaged in.

"No idea of dignity could be preserved in his atmosphere of universal utility and constant labour."

149—Year 1775. (Probably 78 years old.)

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Heiligh of Cheltenham, Township in the county of Phila., in the Province of Penna. Yeoman, being aged and infirm in body, yet of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, blessed be God, therefor

Do think proper to settle and dispose my outward affairs by these presents in way of my last will and testament in manner following, to wit.

1st. I order that all and singular of my Just debts, funeral and other expenses, concerning me or my state be well and truly paid and discharged.

Item. I empower and authorize my Executor hereinafter named or survivor of them to sell and dispose of, by Public sale or Vendue to the highest bidder, all and singular, my messanges tenements lands and Real Estates whatsoever which I may be possessed of at the time of my decease, and in my name and stead to make execute and acknowledge proper and authentic deed or deeds or conveyance for the same or any part thereof to the purchaser or purchasers, his, her heirs, their heirs and assigns forever and the money arising and payable by such sale and all other my estate whatsoever debts and expenses being paid I Dispose thereof in manner following, viz—

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susannah, the sum of Two Hundred (200) pounds currant lawful money of Pennsylvania,

together with my best bed and bedding, all furniture thereto belonging, all our kitchen furniture, all our pewter, our dresser and furniture thereof, one mare and one cow to dispose of all which she pleases in full of her part of dower or widows part of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Barbara Heiligh the only surviving child of my late eldest son, Henry Heiligh, the sum of seventy-five (75) pounds money aforesaid in full of her part or share of my estate as the representative of my said son deceased.

Item. I bequeath the sum of three (3) pounds like money to my friend Sam'l Mehlin of Germantown, Tanner, in trust and to be by him paid to and for the use of the Lutheran Church in Germantown aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever, unto my four (4) children now living, viz:—

George Heiligh

Johannes Heiligh

Anna Maria the present wife of Michael Sloanacre

Susanna the present wife of Henry Teany

to be equally divided among them, part and share alike.

Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my trusty friends, John Fry and Peter Bocknis, both of Germantown, in the aforesaid County of Philada. and Province aforesaid shopkeepers, Executors of this my last will and testament truly revoking all for memories by me made, ratifying these presents only for and as my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal dated the Twenty-ninth (29) day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two (1772).

Henry Heiligh.

## Will of Henry Heiligh Jr.

In the name of God Amen. Whereas I Henry Heiligh of Upper Hanover Township in the County of Philada. and Province of Penna., Yeoman, do find myself very sick and weak in body, but of sound mind memory, thanks be to God.

I on this first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, make and ordain this my last will and testament, and first of all recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and as touching my worldly estate I do hereby dispose of same in the following manner, that is to say, as I have already paid my father, Henry Heiligh, Sr., part of the Consideration for which he promised to me to let me have his plantation where I now live, but in case I should happen to die, and my father should intend to keep or sell the said plantation and pay twenty-five (25) pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania back again, so it is my will and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret the said sum of twenty-five (25) pounds in money as also my cattle and movable house-hold goods and personal estate of what name soever upon condition that she shall sell so much of the same as she may not have necessary for her use and pay all my debts and costs therewith so the remainder I give to her, her heirs and assigns forever, and I do hope and confide that my beloved father will take care and provide for my two children as he shall think fit and right.

And I further recommend my said wife and children to the care and direction of said father and of my brother, George Heiligh and my brother-in-law Michael Sloanacre Jr. to take care and support my said family in the best manner they can. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Margareth to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the day and year first above written.

Henry Heiligh.

Signed sealed and declared by the said Henry Heiligh Jr. as his last will and testament in the presence of us David Schultze, Johr. Gallman, Wally Graber Philada. June 2nd 1766.

There personally appeared David Shultze and Johannes Gallman, two of the witnesses to the foregoing will and on their solemn affirmation according to law did declare that they saw and heard Henry Heiligh, the Testator therein named sign and seal publish and declare the same will for and his last will and testament and that at the doing thereof he was sound mind, memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge.

Corem—Benj. Chew Reg. Genl.

Be it remembered that on the second day of June 1776 the last will and testament of Henry Heiligh deceased, in due form of law was proved and probate and letters testamentary thereof were granted to Margareth Heiligh, sole executrix in the same will named, being duly sworn, well and truly to administer the said deceased estate and bring inventory thereof unto the Reg. Genl. office at Philada. on or before the 3rd day of July next and render a true and just account thereunto legally acquired, given under the seal of the said office.

Ben. Chew,  
Reg. Genl.

Phillipa was daughter of Count William 3rd of Holland. Barbara was the washerwoman mother of Don John by Charles 5th, supposed to be the ancestors of the Heilighs.

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About November, 1896, an advertisement is said to have appeared in the Philadelphia papers inquiring for the heirs of Phoebe Rabjohn to an estate of \$16,000,000; long effort was made to find the lawyer or lawyers who inserted the advertisement, but without effect. Some ten or twenty persons claimed to have read the advertisement and said the lawyer's name commenced with a "B." This fortune is supposed to have come in one or two channels,

either direct from Holland or through Jacob Rabjohn, son of Phoebe, who is said to have died rich, having invested in coal lands in Pennsylvania, with one Jacob Riffert, a brother-in-law.

It is said that Phoebe Rabjohn was descended from a Holland Dutchesse or Princess. That she fell in love with the coachman or butler and they eloped to this country.

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Harleyville, Pa., July 25, 1898.

S. M. Mason.

Dear Sir:—

Yours of the 23rd is just to hand. Let me ask are you a descendant of the Harley's, or why do you care about knowing their history, and, second, I would ask what do you know of me and how did you get my name and address so correct? I am nearly blind and the little sight that I have yet is so weak that I cannot read or write more than a few minutes at a time without resting them, and meanwhile I forget my idea, therefore, writing becomes a task which used to be a pleasure, and can't read any more without a large microscope. Under these circumstances it is impossible to do anything like justice to your query. Therefore I will tell only a little of their earliest history. The latter history you can perhaps get from other sources.

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"All of the Harleys of America are of German ancestry. They appear to have been a distinguished family in Germany, as there were several Divines and Authors that lived and wrote 200 or more years ago, of whose works I have in my library, but while they did not worship with the established or National religion they were greatly persecuted, so that they were obliged to flee from the country, consequently some fled to England, where they soon became distinguished, as I know of at least one who became a member of Parliament.

"A Robert Harley became Librarian to King George the 2nd

and a Thomas Harley who purchased 5000 acres of land from William Penn in 1682. This land was located partly in Hatfield, partly in Franconia and in other townships of Montgomery County. So, in after times some of their descendants emigrated to America, who settled mostly in the Southern and the Western States, who have a right to say they are of English Nationality, but if they would trace their pedigree a few generations back they would find them as German as any in America.

"I come now to tell of the other branch of family of Harleys, who came over direct from Germany, as Germans, to the United States of America.

"The first pioneer of all Harleys of the direct German branch was Rudolph; when or where he was born I do not remember, but he landed in Philadelphia in 1719. His wife was pregnant before they left for America, but they thought sure to reach the shore before the time of her accouchement, but having an unusually long and tedious voyage from contrary winds and many days no wind at all, she gave birth to a little baby boy while in mid-ocean. That little baby boy was called Rudolph, Jr. He was born July 14th, 1719. He had one sister who was married to a Mr. Graff and moved to the then new settlement in the Southwest, where she soon died and left no children that we know of.

"Her brother, Rudolph, Jr., married Mary Becker, daughter of Elder Peter Becker, of Germantown, and had 13 children, 12 of whom lived to a good old age. Their names in English were:

"John

"Joanna

"Lena

"Mary

"Rudolph

"Elizabeth

"Jacob

"Henry

"Sarah

"Samuel

"Joseph

"Margaret and

"Abraham

"As you wish to know their family connection I will give them briefly.

"John Harley was born August 16th, 1741; married a woman whose name I do not remember. They had a number of children, but I know the name of only one, that was Rudolph. They lived in Pikeland Township, Chester County. He had a farm and valuable merchant mill and was at one time in good circumstances, but in advanced age he married his housekeeper, who was a widow and had a number of children, and they yet one together when he was nearly 81 years of age. She was an artful Delilah in providing for her own children. She prevailed on him to sign her a certain writing. He did so when he was quite old. She died soon afterward and by that writing his estate went to her children, leaving him in extreme poverty, with one little child. At that time he lived near Mercersburg, in Franklin County, Pa., where necessity compelled him to go begging.

"Joanna Harley, the second child and oldest daughter of Rudolph, was born April 21, 1743, and married to Hans Ulrich Stanffer, generally called Handley. They also raised a large family, but on account of failing sight it is impossible to give details of all.

"Lena Harley was born May 4th, 1745, and died young.

"Maria Harley was born March 12th, 1747. She was twice married. First to a Mr. Landis and second to Frederick Deal. It is said they had nine children, but their posterity is so scattered that we know but little of them, and the most are in the West.

"Rudolph Harley, 3rd, was born February 7th, 1749; was twice married. First to Barbara Bach and second to Miss ——— Bornberger; said to have had 13 children.

"Elizabeth Harley, born September 9, 1750; married to Christian Dettry. It is said she had 10 children, but I only have the names of seven, namely:

"John

"Isaac

"Zachariah

"Christian

"Abraham, and several daughters, one of whom was married to Holman.

"Jacob Harley, born June 8, 1752, was never married, but lived to an advanced age and then died from the effects of a kick from his horse.

"Henry Harley, born July 1, 1754, was married to Elizabeth, or Betty, Keely. It is said they had 16 children. I have the names of at least 12 or 13.

"Sarah Harley, born June 20, 1756, married Elder George Price, of Coventry. He was the father of Preacher Isaac Price, of Phoenixville; they had 6 children.

"Samuel Harley, born March 6, 1758, married Catharine Saur, or Sower, daughter of the celebrated printer and Elder of Germantown. She had 12 children, 10 of which lived to a good old age. My dear mother was one of them.

"Joseph Harley was born March 14, 1760, was married to Catherine Reiff; no children.

"Margaretta Harley, born September 13, 1762, married a Jacob Detwiler. They had a large family of 10, if not 11, children.

"Abraham Harley was born June 14, 1765, married Christianna Giesz. She was a waif, insofar, at least, that nothing is known of her parents or kinship. She was a very worthy and amiable woman, raised a large and very respectable family of 8 sons and 2 daughters, among them Abraham, married to Katie Reiff. They lived for awhile in Chester County, then moved West, and died at an advanced age in Montgomery County, Ohio. He was a very able



preacher in English and German languages.

"His son, Jacob, was a successful merchant at Norriton Square, below Fairview. Their son, Samuel, was also a very popular preacher and the father of the famous preacher, Jonas Harley, who died only a few years ago.

"Their son, Benjamin, was also a preacher. They were all farmers and mechanics.

"I have now written a very long letter, but, after all, only a very short and incomplete sketch of a large and interesting family. I would have material enough to fill several sheets, but while you did not define your request minutely I did not know exactly what you wanted. Whether merely history or genealogy, therefore, I have tried to give a little of both.

"Would be pleased to hear of its coming safe to hand and whether it is what you wanted.

"While I know I could not write a complete or comprehensive sketch, I confined myself wholly to the earliest or remotest part, which perhaps no one else could have done at this time. But while I brought the history down to the third generation and gave all the names and connections of that third generation, I think any descendant that cares might trace their lineage that far back. You will excuse the crippled hand and bad handwriting, for I am 78 years old, my fingers are stiff and my hands are not steady any more. A few years ago I would not have recognized this as my handwriting.

"Respectfully yours,

"ABRAM H. CASSELL."



















